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Halloweens!



Several infamous "celebrities" appeared to compete in the annual Halloweens costume contest.

Photos by Prewitt Scripps

by WENDY LaRUE

It certainly has not been a typical October. With temperatures above 80 degrees, it is hard to believe that Halloween is tomorrow and November is just around the corner.

This strange weather, however, did not have any effect on the enthusiasm shown during Halloweens weekend.

The annual masquerade held in Goolrick Hall started the festivities on Friday evening.

Costumes at this year's Halloweens may have been some of the most imaginative ever, making the judging difficult. Ironically, when the judging was over, the winners of the three categories fit quite well together.

The award winners followed a bathroom motif. A shower won the singles category, while a pair of urinals took the prize in the doubles-triples competition.

Armed with brooms and plungers to keep the bathrooms on campus clean and operable the "maids of MWC" captured the prize in the category for four or more.

A close contender in the four or more divi-

sion was a group of four flamingos. Other note worthy costumes in the competition included a Barbie doll and a group of Trivial Pursuit game pieces.

Although costumes are a major part of the Halloween activities, the dance itself was successful.

Thyss provided the entertainment for the event. "The band was better than last year," said Chris Mazzatenta.

"It was really great," said Ben Pierson, of the party as a whole. "I'm sure it was really hot," commented Ellen Moses. "You could tell by looking at yourself and all the people. But, I was having such a good time that I didn't notice the heat."

After having difficulties at a kegger earlier in the year, the security at Halloweens was stepped up as a preventative measure. With the increased security, problems were kept to a minimum, allowing everyone to enjoy the occasion.

Saturday, with pillows and blankets in hand, students flocked to the ballroom to watch *Psycho* and *Poltergeist*.

As a culminating event for the weekend,

Madison Hall presented its fourth annual haunted house.

Originally, the haunted house was for the children of Fredericksburg who attended the Circle K Halloween party. The following year the house was open to college students as well.

This year neighborhood children did not attend the haunted house as part of the Circle K party because club members felt it was too scary last year.

According to Madison R.A., Scott Kaplan, approximately 300 students took the spooky tour of Madison's basement.

For the first time Dr. Sue Hanna told fortunes, Westmoreland R.A. Theresa Storke, did handwriting analysis, and refreshments were sold to give patrons something to do while waiting in line.

"We try to make the house as scary as possible," Kaplan explained. "We get a big thrill when we scare someone."

"Most people have a good time," he added. "It gives them something to do instead of going to the movies or after the movies are over."

Idealism

In a recent informal survey in my political science class, an overwhelming majority of my classmates said they were choosing Ronald Reagan over Walter Mondale this year. Given MWC's location in conservative Virginia and Reagan's still commanding lead in the polls, this certainly came as no surprise. Yet a growing conservative trend among young voters seems to be occurring nationwide.

Much has been made of this trend in the media. Even my favorite source of political commentary and intellectual stimulation, the comic strip "Bloom County," has picked up on it. But what is behind this movement?

A sincere belief that conservative policies have and will bring us back to the "good old days," family values and patriotic ideals is probably a part. A just as important, though often unspoken part, I believe, is self-centeredness and greed.

More and more, we students seem concerned only with success and getting rich. Too often we resemble the characters of "Risky Business" who often discussed their hoped-for post-college salaries.

I am not saying that success is bad, in fact, a competitive job market demands that we have a goal oriented attitude. Nor am I claiming that "Bloom County" and "Risky Business" should be considered the ultimate authorities in matters of American culture. I do feel, however, that we students have lost a sense of idealism and the desire to right the wrongs in our institutions and government. We seem perfectly content to accept our society as is in order that we might rise to the top as quickly as possible. We are afraid to rock the boat. Commitment to social change and idealistic thinking unfortunately have become passe on college campuses.

Perhaps today's students are just being realistic. I'll be the first to admit that there is little one or a handful of persons can do. Still, we must realize that injustices still exist in our society. Not all persons have equal rights or equal opportunities. Rather than turning a blind eye to the wrongs of our society, let us question them and work for change.

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An Honor Trial was held and a student was found guilty of lying. The penalty imposed was suspension for one semester.

The Honor Council

Letters

Alumni Defend MWC's Men

To the Editor:

Just when we thought that Mary Washington College was about to enter an age of enlightenment, dismal news of Mr. Mike Zitz's farce in the *Free Lance Star* reached the southern United States.

Perhaps it seems odd that two alumni should write to the *Bullet* in regard to Mr. Zitz's column "Men of MWC pose question of respect" in which he interviews the now infamous and notorious Misses Kathi O'Rourke and Becky Rogers. Not only does this travesty strike us as disturbing, but hypocritical. Producing their beef calendar of real men who "have such a reputation of, well, not really being men" is nothing short of repulsive.

We write in defense of the male alumni of the college that had the guts to come to Mary Washington in the first place. Our remembrances of freshman year in Westmoreland Hall (all 108 of us) was not of being stared at in the cafeteria by crazed nymphomaniacs and "behaving like a little kid in a candy store." Far be it. We remember instances of being unjustly kicked off campus and herded through an administrative hearing fit for Russian poets. And lest we forget Marine platoons in the Pool Room. But of course you ladies were still in high school then.

We apologize for giving you the impression as upperclassmen your first year on the hill that "becoming

involved" with us was "socially unacceptable." Had you not run off to the Trailways station bound for Annapolis or Charlottesville each Friday, you might have learned to like, rather than humor us. More importantly, you might have developed a realistic view of interpersonal relationships in your own backyard.

Ladies, on behalf of your soon to be alumni brothers, enjoy your fantasy. Treat us like second class citizens. The real world awaits you in a few short months.

Sincerely,

J. Mark Scott
J.S. Miller, Jr.

Substance Abuse Survey Announced

To the Editor:

In the near future MWC students may be asked to participate in a survey that may affect the college's campus life. As an independent research project, three psychology majors under the guidance of Dr. Roy Smith, are planning to update a campus survey on alcohol and drug abuse. Due to the upcoming change in the legal drinking age to 21 many

campus social events could be restricted or prohibited. The purposes of the survey are to find alternative campus activities, determine how MWC compares to other colleges in alcohol and drug use and to check campus alcohol awareness.

The aim of the survey is to be both helpful to Mary Washington and presentable to the Virginia Psychological Association.

The tentative date for the survey is

Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. in the Pool Room. Free pizza, drinks and music will be provided for the participants.

Be sure to look for your invitation to participate. Your cooperation is needed for this project to be a success.

Thank you,

Alison Wilborn
Denise Doucette
Kevin Bartley

Announcing...

Applications for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges are available in the Office of the Dean of Students, Lee Hall 200. Seniors and Juniors who have an acceptable academic average with extra curricular activities may apply. Applications are due in the Dean of Students Office by noon, Oct. 30.

Tuesday, Oct. 30, in Dodd Auditorium, at 5:30 p.m. "Advice to New Students" will begin. This is a program for freshmen and transfer students on registering for classes, what classes to take, etc. All new students are encouraged to attend.

Works by Linda Horvitz Post are being exhibited in duPont Galleries. Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All students interested in a paid summer internship at the U.S. State Department must submit applications by Nov. 1. Information and application materials are available from Amy Hale, GW 209.

A Graduate School Information Program will be offered Monday, Nov. 5, at 5:45, in Chandler 102. Tips on graduate school, applications, financial aid, law school and more will be discussed.

Note to special students and part-time students: if you are taking only one course and wish to drop it, the correct procedure is withdrawal from the College. See Mrs. Kemp in GW 210 for official withdrawal forms.

Drs. Stephen W. Fuller and William C. Pinschmidt, attended the fall meeting of the Atlantic Estuarine Research Society in Salisbury, Maryland, Oct. 11-13. Dr. Fuller is the Program Chairman for this professional society, which heard papers describing research results concerning the Chesapeake Bay and other mid-coast estuaries.

You can make a difference at MWC in the 1984-85 Annual Fall Phone-a-thon. Volunteer willingly when your club and class presidents ask for your help. Any questions? Call Bobbie Burton, director of annual giving, at X4645 or Regina Bolling, student Phone-a-thon chairperson, at X4726.

Many schools and companies will be on campus during October and November for interviews. The Career Placement Office, GW 203, has more information and sign up boards.

EVENTS DURING NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK NOV. 1-3

NOV. 1 (6 p.m., Monroe 104)
Open student forum on Alcohol issues. Guests: Bernie Gaskill (Va. ABC Board) and Dean Joanne Southworth.

NOV. 3 (2 p.m., Monroe 104)
Drinking and driving-members (students and faculty) of MWC will test the effects of alcohol while driving through an obstacle course. Guests: Amy Blasch (SA president), Rusty Berry (Class Council president) and Dr. Steve Hampton (Psychology professor).

Correction

On Oct. 9, *The Bullet* reported that construction on the new student center would begin in 1986. According to William B. Crawley, however, construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 1985.

Students Air Election Issues In Debate

by GLENN BIRCH

Arms control, economic policy and women's issues were the topics debated by three representatives of the College Republicans and Young Democrats on October 24. Moderated by Karen Torjesen, assistant professor of religion, the debate gave the clubs an opportunity to air opposing views on the issues surrounding next week's election.

Representing the College Republicans were: Drew Dixx, Kim Slayton and Dan McCardell. Pat Reinhart, John Lambertson and Jennifer Taylor debated for the Young Democrats.

Each club was permitted nine minutes for an overall presentation on a particular issue and the debaters had three minutes each. Following one club's presentation, the other club presented its side.

"There can be no winners in an arms race,"

-Young Democrats

"Peace cannot be achieved through wishful thinking."

-College Republicans

After both had finished, each club asked the other a single question and gave five minutes for a reply. Time limits were strictly kept by Torjesen.

Taking the podium first on the arms control issue, the Young Democrats criticized the Reagan administration's support of the MX missile, a "first strike" nuclear weapon, and castigated the president for failing to secure arms control agreements with the Soviets, unlike his predecessors. They stressed that Walter Mondale would strive for negotiation with the Soviets while "keeping America strong."

They also emphasized the dangers of nuclear war and added that there could be "no winners in an arms race."

The College Republicans, however, based their defense of military strength on the dangers of Soviet might and aggression. As an example, they quoted a Soviet official who said that war between capitalist and communist forces was inevitable. They praised Reagan for "halting and reversing the dangerous trend" of military relaxation under President Carter.

They added that peace could not be achieved through the "wishful thinking" of Walter Mondale. The College Republicans criticized the nuclear freeze (which Mondale supports) because, they said, it would "lock in" Soviet advantages. They also praised the vision of a space based defense system which could intercept missiles before they reached their targets.

The College Republicans were asked why Reagan does not support a verifiable nuclear freeze as a majority of Americans do. The representatives based their answer on a distrust of the Soviets and on the inability to upgrade defense systems with the freeze.

The Young Democrats were asked to explain how a nuclear freeze could be verifiable. They responded by citing the intelligence gathering systems already in use such as satellite reconnaissance and radar. They also showed that nuclear testing was easily verified by citing the number of tests for both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

In the area of economic policy, the College Republicans praised Reagan's record of bringing unemployment and inflation down in the same period and pointed to the 6.5 million jobs created since the recovery. They also cited a rising standard of living as a mark of a surging economy.

They discussed Reagan's plan to deal with the deficit through growth in the GNP rather than through a tax hike, which Mondale advocates. They asked the audience if they are "better off now than they were four years ago" and claimed that "America is back."

The Young Democrats, however, criticized the Reagan administration's economic policies as helping only the

by TANGIE GRAY

Mary Washington's Student Association's motto is "meeting your needs with action."

S.A. President Amy Blasch demonstrated commitment to action by attending a leadership conference at Virginia Commonwealth University on Oct. 24. Student leaders from colleges throughout Va. attended the conference to obtain information on ways to improve their student governments.

In addition to acting as a governing body, S.A. also distributes funds to clubs for the academic year, provides the escort system, a tutorial service and manages student

emergency loans.

S.A. does more than oversee the academic welfare of the student. It also furnishes social activities through the Senate Film Committee, Senate Entertainment Committee and the College Program Board. Earlier this month, the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) held a conference in Savannah, Ga. Although the conference was mainly for Class Council members, S.A. sent representatives from the Film, Entertainment and CPB committees. The conference consisted of seminars on different campus activities and showcased a variety of bands and comedians.



Young Democrat debaters Pat Reinhart, Jennifer Taylor and John Lambertson plan strategy for their debate with the College Republicans.
Photo by Barry DeNichola

wealthy and only guaranteeing a "future for the fortunate few." They claimed that the recovery was deficit financed by pointing to the national debt, which has risen from 935 billion to 1.5 trillion in the last four years.

On women's issues, the Young Democrats questioned Reagan's opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment and legal abortions. Reagan's spending cuts have hurt women and Reagan believes that Title IX should be limited, they said.

The College Republicans countered by claiming the belief that Reagan's policies hurt women was only a perception not based on fact. They pointed to Reagan's appointment of Sandra D. O'Connor, Jeane Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth Dole and Margaret Heckler as examples of Reagan's opinion of women.

The Republicans came out harshly against abortion, calling it "murder" and a "slaughter." Further, they criticized E.R.A. because they said it might lead to compulsory military service for both men and women and the housing of men and women together in prisons and hospital rooms. The College Republicans added that laws already exist guaranteeing equal pay for equal work for both sexes.

The debate was well attended and most students seemed to feel that it was a close match. The debaters were criticized somewhat for heavy

reliance on statistics but most felt the debate was a success.

"I think it went really well-the students presented their cases well and did their homework," said Torjesen. She also said that the teams had divided each topic well to avoid redundancy.

College Republican President Mary Loose and Young Democrat President Lisa Jordan expressed pride in their debaters' performances. Loose said, "I think we presented the issues as we should have. Reagan came out on top and we had the figures to back us up." Jordan said that the debaters had done a "great job."

There was some criticism of the College Republicans for their can-

vassing of the building and seats in Monroe 104 before the debate. Posters, fliers and buttons for Reagan/Bush and Republican senator John Warner were present and some felt this was uncalled for.

"I assumed there would be no canvassing," said Jordan. She added that lack of Democratic funds in Virginia would have prevented the Young Democrats from canvassing had they chosen to do so.

Debater Pat Reinhart found the canvassing "disgusting," and some expressed concern that the debate might have turned into a Republican rally. The audience was well-behaved, however, and expressions of approval or disapproval were almost non-existent.

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available to be contracted to perform at MWC.

The Student Association tries to meet the needs of every student but according to Blasch, "its hard trying to guess what the students want."

"Few students realize that as soon as they enter the college, they automatically become members of S.A.," she said. Blasch stressed that student participation and input are most important. In order for students to voice their ideas and be informed Blasch asks that they attend the regular Senate meetings held in Monroe 104 every Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.

Civil Rights Activist Joins MWC Staff

by MARY SMITH

He wanted to be a doctor, but could not stand the sight of blood. Ironically, he has seen a lot of blood—some of it his own. He went to war.

Civil rights was his war. James L. Farmer is the last surviving member of "the big four." The other three were Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Whitney M. Young, Jr., executive director of the National Urban League.

Farmer promises to lace his lectures with the colorful anecdotes of his own experiences when he teaches *The Civil Rights Movement in the Twentieth Century* this spring at MWC.

A fourth year resident of Fredericksburg, Farmer was attracted to the area because, "I was looking for a few acres within commuting distance of Washington, D.C., with a large pond, some woods and a good view, and this was it. I had to come this far to find a place I could almost afford," he added.

The peaceful estate which served as Farmer's retreat in the two and a half years it took him to write his autobiography, *Lay Bare the Heart* seems an unlikely spot in light of his turbulent battles.

The book will be available for sale in February of 1985. His other

book, *Freedom, When?* will serve as one of the texts for the seminar.

In 1942 Farmer, then 22, founded the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) of which he was the national director in the 60s. Later he served as the assistant secretary of Health, Education and Welfare for two years during the Nixon administration.

Farmer's decision to dedicate his life to social reform was spurred by his earliest childhood memory "I had known practically all my life that I had to do something like this," Farmer said.

"When I was three-and-a-half we were living in Holly Springs, Miss. My mother went shopping in the town square. I was holding on to her finger. Understand, I led a sheltered life as a kid. We lived on small campuses of black colleges where my father taught. There was little need to go off campus. It was self-contained."

As they finished shopping, Farmer asked his mother if they could stop and have a coke. She explained that it was impossible for them to stop at the drugstore and promised to give him one when they got home.

Farmer said that he had a nickel and why couldn't he have a drink if the child across the street could go into the drugstore. "I pulled my mother across the street by her

finger and looked through the screen door. The little boy had climbed

upon a stool at the counter and was sipping a soft drink through a straw. I said, 'See there Mother, he's got a coke. Why can't we get a coke?'

"He's white, she said. 'And me?' I asked. 'You're colored,' she said. We walked home in silence. When we got home she threw herself on the bed and wept. I went outside on the front steps and thought three-year-old thoughts.

"For many years after it was like a recurring dream. When I reached adulthood I wasn't sure if it had happened or not. But I asked her before she died and she said yes it did happen. She remembered it as vividly as I.

"I don't know what my thought processes were but I know that I thought, 'Someday I'm going to have to do something about it.' When I was in jail in Mississippi I dreamed that recurring dream. I was in Mississippi again and my mind went back to those other years in Mississippi. I thought, 'If that three year old kid had gotten that coke on that dusty, hot day in Holly Springs, would this 41-year-old man now be in Parchment State Penitentiary? Probably not,' he laughed.

Farmer maintains that the greatest influence on his philosophy was Mahatma Gandhi. The non-violent technique that was adapted and used in the civil rights movement was adopted by CORE in 1942.

"It didn't start with Martin in 1956. He was in knee-pants when it started," Farmer said. His beliefs have lead him into life threatening situations. One such incident, in Plaquemine, La., included an escape from a lynch mob in a hearse.

"In a night of terror, there was a house to house search for me. At the time I was national director of CORE. I had lead some marches down there; in fact I missed the 1963 march on Washington. I was supposed to speak there but I was in jail. I got out of jail after the march and so faced the lynch mob."

There were about 250 people with him who had been in a town march to protest police brutality. "I chose not to be in the march and remained back. The march was broken up and terrorized by state troopers and people who had been deputized. These so-called rednecks were given horses, tear gas and electric cattle prods. And they followed the people back to the church.

"They rode into the church, turned over pews and threw tear gas into the parsonage. They screamed, 'Come on out, Farmer. We're going to catch that goddamn nigger and kill him.' I tried to call the Dept. of Justice, the F.B.I., the White House. As soon as I gave them the number, I got a dial tone. So apparently the operators had orders from high up. Finally we left the ministers home

crawling through the tall grass and went to a black operated funeral home.

"We used one hearse as a decoy to open up road blocks. Meanwhile, the mob was kicking open doors in the black community. Screaming, 'Come on out Farmer. They would ransack the house, throw teargas in, then kick down the door of the next house.

"I was put in the back of the second hearse and we shot through a road block after the cops had left it. We fled to New Orleans to safety. There was a police mob with a lot of 'deputies,' rednecks from the countryside that they had deputized.

"I asked a physician friend to listen. He heard from three sources that word had come down from 'high up' that I was to be killed that night. I asked him what 'high up' meant and he said he didn't know. He said the state troopers were not going to kill me. They were going to beat me to within an inch of my life and turn me over to an un-uniformed mob. My body was not to be found for a long time if at all.

"I was lucky, that's all, just lucky. Not that I was smart. I could have just as easily been killed," Farmer said.

Farmer wearily noted that he now prefers to look toward the future than dwell on the past. The future, for the time being, will be at MWC.



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WMWC Makes Comeback

by JILLIAN MCKENZIE

After a nearly two-month delay, WMWC is finally back on the air. The radio station had been suffering from equipment and financial problems but a monetary boost from the Finance Committee and all-transmitters have helped to revive the struggling station.

General Manager, Anne Lewis, has been putting long hours into the station since last spring, including weekly trips to Fredericksburg this past summer, to see that WMWC is more professional than ever. With the initial desire to revamp the entire station, the staff determined that having sound in all the areas was essential. So, with \$100 from the Student Association, they purchased a transmitter for every dorm and installed six new lines. The delay came in having the company install the new transmitters.

The staff's goal is to be a more professional station with a tighter format, paid advertising and a large listening audience, says Anne Lewis. The station's format differs greatly from last year. Now there will be less time dedicated to certain types of music as opposed to a random playing of songs. For example, on Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., listeners can



WMWC General Manager Anne Lewis operates the new equipment that is part of the stations new image.

Photo by Prewitt Scripps

count on hearing progressive music.

Many of this year's disc jockey's worked on the radio station last year. Criteria for new personnel, however, included time to work on the station, on committees and the willingness and ability to fit into the new format.

Like last year, the station will

broadcast from 7:30 a.m. until 2 a.m. daily on AM 540, 550, or 560 depending on the dorm.

"We are a new station. We are now a very serious group and feel that our past reputation has been a joke," Lewis said. This year WMWC hopes to reestablish itself and make an impact.

I.R.C. Members Attend Model United Nations

by KIRSTEN BROWN

Many countries of the world sent representatives to the international conference. "Delegates" from such countries as India, Venezuela and Somalia attended the conference at which economic and political resolutions were drafted and presented. Sound like a meeting of the United Nations?

The conference was actually a simulation of the United Nations, sponsored by the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and held Oct. 11-14 at the Marbury House in Georgetown. Approximately 165 students attended, representing 25 schools which ranged from Princeton University to Daytona Beach Community College. Seven members of the International Relations Club from MWC attended the conference.

The activities started on the eve of Oct. 18, when the Undersecretary of Defense gave a speech. A mock Security Council was then formed, along with a mock Latin American

summit, an Asian summit and a NATO summit.

Friday and Saturday were spent working on resolutions and presentations; Saturday evening the hard work paid off, when all participants attended a dance.

On Sunday, presentations and awards were given to those colleges who best represented their country in the mock U.N. Although MWC didn't win any awards, Jennifer Metzger and Jennifer Leigh gave strong presentations as Venezuela. It was a new experience for the group—only three of the seven had previously been on a conference.

Jillian McKenzie, vice-president of the International Relations club, attended the conference. "I met the most interesting people. I tell people they can't know how great the conference is until they experience it. It was a lot of fun."

Donna Craig, who also attended, said, "I was really shocked at what a learning experience it was. The conference offered foreign relations experience that one can't get in class."

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Karen Rhodes

Blind for a Day: An Experiment with Sight

Have you ever tried, perhaps as a kid, to shut your eyes and see how long you could keep them closed? Have you ever experimented to see what it would be like to lose the use of your eyes?

Usually it lasts about five minutes. As soon as the test becomes inconvenient or scary, the eyes fly open. But last year, in an attempt to draw attention to the efforts of civic groups in my community to prevent blindness, I decided to go without sight for 8 hours—the length of one working day.

My experiment began on a weekend morning with the first cries of my infant son. I made my way to the crib, feeling along the dresser, narrowly missing the cedar chest in the middle of the living room, then settling down in a rocker beside the crib. The blindness produced by my blindfold was frightening, but I could feel my child nursing and I zeroed in on that sensation.

I dressed in an outfit I had thought to lay out the night before. By feeling for the tag in the back of my sweater, I knew which way to slip it on. I combed my hair from memory, standing in front of the mirror from force of habit, until I realized how foolish that was. I didn't dare risk putting on make-up.

Heaven knows what the bed looked like after I was done making it, but that's the nice thing about keeping your eyes closed—you can't see how messy the house is. I became aware of how many things we do

because it just makes things "look nice."

I could hear my son laughing as he played with my husband, Gary, and regretted that I could not see the expression on his face. "Is Luke making faces in the mirror?" I asked. "How did you know?" my husband demanded.

I had to think for a minute. How did I know? Then I realized that the cabinet under the bathroom sink, where the mirror is, never has closed tightly, and makes a noise when someone stands in front of it. The slight sound, normally ignored, told me my husband was holding our son before the mirror. "That's amazing," my husband said. I then realized how much we rely on sight, rather than our other senses.

"Let's go out," I said, determined to make the experiment as real-life as possible. "I'm not dressed," my husband teased. "That's not true, you're wearing your jeans," I answered. "You peeked!" Gary accused. But I had heard him slipping heavy denim over his legs, and a zipper going up.

I didn't wear my blindfold at Burger King, for fear of looking stupid, but then what are stares from strangers if you can't see them?

The scary part was getting out of the car and crossing the parking lot. I could hear traffic all around me, and though I had my husband's help, he had already tricked me once by letting me walk into a parked car.

Once he tried to tell me I was in the driveway, but I could feel grass beneath my feet.

As we approached Burger King he told me when to step up for a curb, and when there was a door before me. "Go straight forwards. No, more to the right. You just walked into a tree!" Gales of laughter. I had indeed walked into a plastic tree in the entranceway.

A waitress cleaned the table where I sat to wait for the food. From the

Deona Houff

Marriage Not Automatic

When my sister was born in 1965, my father placed a long distance call to my grandparents, who were vacationing in Mexico. He announced the birth of their fourth grand-daughter in as many years, and my grandmother immediately crowned us the "Four Little Queens." Little Queens number 1 and number 4 were both married a while back. Little Queen number 3 got married Sunday. Now the family, the whole town, in fact, is looking at me, especially my diamondless third finger, left hand. Question of the year: Will Little Queen number 2 ever find a king?

I shouldn't be so sensitive to this situation because it isn't a new one. Last spring when I moved my graduation date from May, 1985 to December, 1984, the big question was "Are you getting married?". The question was usually screamed, and the questioners usually hugged me as they screamed. Their hold loosened, however, when I told them of my marriageless plans.

One day I'll get married. According to some people who know me well, that one day is probably less than three years away. But wherever it is and whomever it's with, my mar-

riage won't be in response to my family's, or society's expectations. And it certainly won't be in response to a graduation. Too many people get married because they think diplomas are marriage licenses that expire soon after graduation.

I spent the rest of the day at my parent's house, where things were difficult because they had just rearranged the furniture. I helped my sister make a cake, and was something of a help.

I had actually planned to go without sight for 24 hours, but the

frustration and boredom finally took me. The point is, that I was able to take the blindfold off, and I know along that I was only playing a game.

A lot of people can't regain sight so easily. Protect your eyes. Have regular checkups. If you wear glasses, get them. If you wear contact lenses, wear them. And when you're studying make sure you have proper lighting. No more squinting on the bottom bunk!

graduation, we realized that marriage isn't the way out of any. Married people still get lonely, they still get phone bills. Marriage isn't easy street.

I'm sure the young adults planning weddings realize this. They know that a good marriage depends not only on love but also on compatibility, and (it's honest truth) availability of money. Some couples have all these things upon graduation and get married. Some don't and still get married.

They get married because they say it is the expected condition of adults, and suddenly society says they are adults. Some people get adult success with catching a husband. Those who come up empty don't hunt fail. Somehow being single means "having a problem."

This is especially true for people from small towns and very happy families. When I finally got married, my parents will host a party, and everyone will be glad I'm finally wised up and settled down. I will be glad I married not because of a fear of failure, but because of a certainty of success.

'Dracula' Opens Tonight

by JANE ELLEN MOSES

In keeping with the spirit of Halloween, *Dracula* makes his debut tonight at 8:15 p.m. on stage at Klein theater. The three act play *Dracula*, directed by Assistant Professor of Dramatic Arts, Cheri Swiss, will be presented Oct. 30, 31, Nov. 1, and 3, at 8:15 p.m., Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m., and Nov. 4, at 2:15 p.m.

The cast and crew of *Dracula* have been putting in long, hard hours of practice and preparation since Sept. 3. According to stage manager Julie Megness, those involved in the production have spent "at least three to four hours every weekday" working, since practices began.

This past weekend both cast and crew, found themselves practically living in Klein theater, making finishing touches and holding dress rehearsals.

The long hours and hard work have paid off. Even in a tedious dress rehearsal last Saturday night, the play ran smoothly, with only a few rough places to be polished up.

Set in London, the storyline focuses on the strange "disease" and nightmares caused by "the mist with the red eyes" that plague Lucy Seward. Lucy's father and her fiancé, led by family friend Dr. Van Helsing, set out to find the Vampire, they believe to be the cause of Lucy's sufferings.

The cast of characters includes a

raving madman played by Pat Convery, a superstitious Dr. Van Helsing played by Steve McKinstry, Lucy Seward played by Susan Mulholland, and of course a captivating Count Dracula played by Assistant Professor of Dramatic Arts, Michael Joyce.

Misty flashback scenes, eerie special effects and a passionate seduction scene between Lucy and Dracula highlight what promises to be an entertaining production.

Seats may be reserved by calling the box office at 899-4330. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for students, and MWC students are free when ID is presented. Reservations are required.



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Richard Ehrle

No U.S. War in El Salvador

"Stop the U.S. war in El Salvador—Self-Determination for the People of Central America," said the posters pasted on building walls and trash cans throughout Washington, D.C. This was again another case of political propaganda designed to persuade the ignorant.

There seems to be a misperception that there is a popular revolution in El Salvador against its government. This, however, is a superb piece of disinformation created by extreme left wing elements in El Salvador and Nicaragua who would have you believe otherwise.

The fact is that the government of El Salvador was democratically elected. In 1982 during the first free elections held in that country, 82 percent of the voting age population voted. Moreover, in the elections held earlier this year, 75 percent of the voting age populace participated. If this isn't self-determination in action, what is? Nicaragua, El Salvador's

neighbor, is funneling in arms and weapons to a small number of anti-government terrorists. Is terrorist too harsh a word? I think not. Some people would call the anti-government guerrillas "freedom fighters." But they are not. What they are, in fact, according to recently captured guerrillas themselves, are paid mercenaries. Paid by the Nicaraguan regime that hopes to export its Marxist-Leninist revolution to its neighboring states.

The Salvadoran terrorists are so afraid that they won't and can't find popular support that during national elections this year they blew up trucks carrying ballots and threatened innocent civilians not to vote. At the same time they continued to rob banks and blow up bridges and power stations. What the U.S. is doing is supporting and supplying weapons and advisors, at the request of the Salvadoran government, to help the Salvadoran army in its efforts to crush these terrorists.

This leads to a second misconception concerning El Salvador. The Reagan administration is going to send American combat troops there to fight. This won't happen for two reasons.

First, the American advisors are in El Salvador today are forbidden to participate in combat. They only go along with the Salvadoran government troops to observe how they use American weapons. It would be self-defeating if President Reagan sent U.S. troops to participate in combat, because Congress would cut off U.S. aid to El Salvador.

Second, in this post-Vietnam the American people are hesitant to send U.S. troops to other countries to take part in another war. President Reagan to do so would only be politically unpopular and would also lead to his party's loss in 1988.

There is no U.S. war in El Salvador and self-determination is working.

Sports

Money, Academics Cause Sport's Club's Grief

A SPORTS COLUMN
By WENDY LaRUE

the months since I took my on at *The Bulletin* I have nered a communication gap has caused many MWC club s considerable grief.

ne seems to understand why e clubs who's members prove e are dedicated and hard working not gained intercollegiate

easy to sympathize with these who work hard to train for respective sports.

ay receive no physical education s for their efforts. Their es are volunteers and often on-time. And, of course they are with the problem of raising ent funds to purchase the hich are essential for their

these athletes the quest for in- legiate status has become an al pursuit. As a result, many difficulty realizing how much into the determination of er or not sports can be added

to the intercollegiate schedule.

There are three main points which must be considered, according to Ed- ward Hegmann, athletic director for the college.

"Based on the fact that Mary Washington is a small Division III liberal arts and sciences school, academics is our number one priority," says Hegmann.

With that in mind there are two other factors which have direct bearing on the varsity athletic program.

The limited resources available are probably the greatest determining factor. Hegmann includes money, coaching positions and field space among these resources.

Finding competition within reasonable traveling distance is also a problem which gets serious consideration.

When Hegmann took the position as athletic director in 1976 he was told to "build a competitive and respectable program."

"We don't want to have a program that satisfies needs of individuals but is never competitive," explained Hegmann. He feels a program that is not competitive is not a source of

pride and respect for the school as it should be.

"If I was a member of a club which wanted to become a varsity team, at some time I would put a letter on file stating that desire and reasons why," suggested Hegmann.

He advised that explaining why a particular sport would be beneficial to the institution and proving that there is good competition available would be helpful, too.

"I would be more than happy to receive and consider such a letter with no guarantees," Hegmann offered.

At this time the administration is working on a master plan for the development of the college over the next 10 to 20 years.

The athletic staff is working with those considering what will become of MWC in the future to determine which sports should be added (and dropped) to best fit the changing needs of the college.

Now is an opportune time for club athletes to make their needs known to the administration in a formal way.

Although I can offer no panacea

for the problems that exist for athletic clubs, I would like to make a suggestion to their members.

Take the time to find out what is really happening. And then, make your opinions known to those who may be able to help your situation rather than voicing them among yourselves and your friends.

It is time that the communication gap between athletic clubs and the athletic department be closed.

Perhaps a simple meeting between club representatives and Mr. Hegmann could clear the myths and tension that have developed over the years and alleviate some of the animosity felt by the club members.

Freshmen Lead Tennis

By HEIDI SOWA

ally in college sports freshmen expect to see much action. ver, for the women's tennis that has not been the case. nly four upperclassmen on the it has been over run with en, filling the remaining 10

hmen hold the top five seeds, ating the team. Coach Edward ann feels the freshmen and the of the team possess great abili- ch he hopes will take them to nationals. "It's not beyond reali- ys Hegmann.

on though the freshmen have out upperclassmen at getting eeds, Hegmann feels the ent of antagonism has remained al.

"We've handled it well," says ann. "The girls support each and keep good attitudes. We hard not to lose the team con- All of our players are impor- us."

are a close knit team," says Andrews. Andrews, who as the number two seed, feels d pressures of competition

of playing at the college level. She admits, "It certainly takes a lot of time."

Number one seed Michele Marangi can also relate can also relate to the transition from high school sports to collegiate competition.

She feels that the competition is much better here. Marangi com- ented, "In high school sports sports weren't taken as seriously as they are here. The intensity is better as well."

"He works us hard," Andrews and Marangi agree, "t... all pays off.



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